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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A computerized, integrated emergency medical transportation database system having a compliance audit component, the system comprising:

a medical emergency database configured to store at least clinical encounter data, patient demographic data and transport data, wherein at least a portion of the data is input by emergency medical personnel; and

a compliance audit component in communication with the medical emergency database, wherein the compliance audit component is configured to:

check to ensure that data in the medical emergency database for a current encounter is consistent with a high risk compliance area, and

prompt the emergency medical personnel for correction of the data where the data is not consistent.

- 2. (Original) The system of Claim 1, additionally comprising a billing module in communication with the medical emergency database, the billing module receiving data from the compliance audit component.
- 3. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the compliance audit component is additionally configured to record one or more attempts to obtain missing requirement data.
- 4. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the compliance audit component is additionally configured to apply a set of rules to determine whether the data for the current encounter is consistent with the high risk compliance area.
- 5. (Original) The system of Claim 1, additionally comprising a dispatch and demographic module in communication with the medical emergency database, the dispatch and demographic module providing data to the compliance audit component.
- 6. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 5, wherein the dispatch and demographic module provides patient demographic data or transport data.

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7. (Original) The system of Claim 1, additionally comprising a clinical module in communication with the medical emergency database, the clinical module providing data to the compliance audit component.

- 8. (Original) The system of Claim 7, wherein the clinical module provides a diagnosis description and a treatment description.
- 9. (Currently Amended) A method of performing a compliance check for an integrated emergency medical transportation database system, the method comprising:

collecting at least clinical encounter data, patient demographic data and transport data into a medical emergency database, wherein at least a portion of the data is collected from a member of an emergency medical team;

identifying one or more high risk compliance areas;

applying a specific library of modifiable data rules to ensure that the collected data is consistent with the high risk compliance areas; and

prompting <u>a member of the emergency medical team</u> for correction of the data where the data is not consistent.

- 10. (Original) The method of Claim 9, additionally comprising providing the corrected data to a billing module.
- 11. (Original) The method of Claim 9, additionally comprising prompting for correction of the data where the data is not compliant.
- 12. (Currently Amended) A computerized, integrated emergency medical transportation database system having a compliance filter, the system comprising:

a medical emergency database configured to store at least clinical encounter data, patient demographic data and transport data; and

a compliance filter in communication with the medical emergency database, wherein the compliance filter is configured to:

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use a specific library of modifiable data rules to ensure that data in the medical emergency database for a current encounter is consistent with a high risk compliance area, and

prompt for correction of the data where the data is not consistent or compliant; and

a billing module in communication with the medical emergency database, the billing module receiving corrected data from the compliance filter, and the billing module being configured to generate a bill based at least in part on the corrected data.

13. (Cancelled)

- 14. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 1, wherein the compliance audit component is configured to receive additional data from a user in response to the prompt for correction of the data.
- 15. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 14, wherein the additional data comprises information regarding the process of acquiring the data by a user.
- 16. (New) The system of Claim 2, wherein the billing module is configured to generate a bill based at least in part on the output of the compliance audit module.
- 17. (New) The system of Claim 16, wherein the billing module is configured to electronically submit the bill to a payor.
- 18. (New) The method of Claim 9, additionally comprising generating a bill based at least in part on the corrected data.
- 19. (New) The method of Claim 9, additionally comprising submitting the bill to a payor.